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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

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Documents A1-A5 and A7-A12 listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 were cited as being relevant during a search of the corresponding International application. A copy of the International Search Report setting forth the portion of each reference considered relevant by the examiner is attached.

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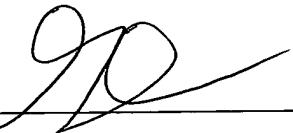
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